



WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 20, 1901.

THE MORE that is heard from China, the worse the condition of affairs there appears, and the more urgent becomes the duty of Mr. McKinley to withdraw his contingent of the allied army there. The situation there must be pretty bad when rich, intelligent, well-behaved and moral men and women of that country resort to suicide, rather than undergo the terrible outrages to which they are subjected by the foreigners, who have invaded their country, "in the cause of Christianity." China has never harmed the United States, and why the latter should assail her and inflict dire woes upon her people, can not be explained, except upon the ground of the "commercial spirit" that is so rife here.

THAT THE expenditures of the republican Congress have exceeded all reasonable bounds, even of the supporters of the administration, is made plain by the fact that the rank and file of the Northern republican newspapers, the New York Sun, feels compelled to say: "The republican Speaker has either failed to understand his duty to the country and his party under existing conditions, or, perceiving it, he has lacked the will force and political intelligence required for its energetic performance."

Yes, billion Congresses were bad enough, but billion short sessions are ruinous.

THE cashier of the Hongkong Bank at Manila, in a published letter, says the Taft commissioners are short sighted, ignorant and incapable, and that most all the intelligent people in that city are hostile to this government, and that the members of the English club there do not consider Judge Taft, Gen. MacArthur and Admiral Remy fit persons for English gentlemen to meet socially. Americans abroad, except with correspondents of American newspapers, do not stand as high as they do at home.

SENATOR HOAR, who always speaks for peace and always votes for war, went all the way from Washington to Worcester, Massachusetts, to cast a ballot for the republican ticket there— which was defeated by a large majority. But the people of Worcester have more regard for political consistency than Mr. Hoar has. Sometimes he has correct ideas, but it is impossible for him to disobey his party's call, and by first opposing that call, and then following it, he renders himself conspicuously ridiculous.

A TELEGRAM from Havana says the commission appointed by the Cuban convention is unanimous in reporting to that convention that no United States troops should be allowed to occupy any part of Cuba and that no naval stations should be accorded to the United States in that island. This is what the United States get for going to war with a friendly nation in behalf of Cuba; but it is no less than what people familiar with the Cubans expected.

ALL THE army contracts for the next year have now been awarded, and all to contractors in the North. Nearly all the immense pension expenditure goes in the same direction. The people of the South have to bear the full share of all this expense, but little of it ever comes back to them. This is a united country for taxation, but is divided into two parts so far as expenditures are concerned, all the latter going to the Northern portion.

THE high tariff, the administration, not Congress, has put upon the small quantity of Russian sugar that comes here, and which has naturally induced the Russian government to retaliate in kind upon the large quantity of American products sent to Russia, is as unwise a thing as any of the many others the administration has yet done.

SOME so-called democrats in Richmond say they would like to see many republicans in the proposed constitutional convention. Of course there are. But many Richmond democrats are not good democrats, and are not endorsed by the large majority of their party in the State.

AS SESSIONS of Congress effect no good, but a great deal of harm, their chief work being the needless expenditure of money which they exact of the poor people, every intelligent citizen of the country should raise his voice against the extra one the schemers are demanding.

DEMENTED IN NEW YORK.—John Cole, seventy-one years old, of Fairfax station, Va., a retired merchant, was found wandering about at One-hundred and seventy-seventh street and Third avenue, New York, at an early hour yesterday. He was sent to the Morristan station. The man seemed to be demented. He was neatly dressed and was able to give his name and age and residence in Virginia, but said, "I was questioned further, that he was a 'retired gentleman.' He had the fine manners of a Southern educated man. Nothing could be learned of what he was doing in that city or where he had lived.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)  
Washington, February 20.  
The question of an extra session of Congress was the most warmly discussed item at the White House today. The opponents of the plan were the more earnest and positive, but those who believe that the President will call one were by no means doubtful in their predictions. "There will be an extra session," said Senator Platt of New York. "There will not be an extra session," exclaimed Gen. Grover, who followed Senator Platt out of the White House by a few minutes. "You can make that as strong as you want," "If the plans of some of the Senators for a long vacation can prevail over public business, there will not be an extra session," said a prominent republican member. "Personally I believe there will be one. But there is a great fight being made against it."

The meeting of the conference on the war revenue reduction bill was not held this morning. The belief among those who are strong as you want, "If the plans of some of the Senators for a long vacation can prevail over public business, there will not be an extra session," said a prominent republican member. "Personally I believe there will be one. But there is a great fight being made against it."

Much confusion and excitement was caused by the reading of a resolution by Mrs. NeSmith, of Massachusetts, candidate for vice president general, to the effect that a member of the society had circulated reports concerning the personal character of the president general and one of the candidates for that office. The resolution asked the Congress to cast discredit upon all such anonymous attacks, and that they be treated as beneath the notice of such a body as the National Association. Mrs. Manning stated that no attention should be paid to the matter and many joined her. Hundreds sprang up all over the hall and a motion was finally carried to lay the resolution on the table and to suppress the incident from publication. Mrs. Manning said: "I am sure the press will respect that request." To which Mrs. Perkins, of Ohio, rose and said: "You need not be sure. The idea of suppressing the free press of America. If we don't want the world to know these things they must not be brought out in this congress." Mrs. Draper, of the District of Columbia, armed with a copy of Robert's manual was frequently on her feet in protest on some point. Mrs. Kinney, of Connecticut, had moved that each member of the society be called upon to personally see her Congressman in the interest of the Continental Hall. Mrs. Draper protested and was ruled out of order. Later Mrs. Burroughs of Michigan was recognized and after she had spoken, Mrs. Draper sprang up and asked, "Madam President, I rise to a question." During an exciting moment Mrs. Draper of the District of Columbia rose and asked "Am I in order?" "Depends upon what you are going to do" was the reply from the chair that brought down the house.

Major Sylvester, chief of the Washington police, is making elaborate plans to gather in crooks and preserve order at the time of the inauguration. The local force will be reinforced by about 100 detectives, picked men from the chief cities of the country. A force of Pinkerton men will also assist. About 200 citizens will be sworn in as special police to serve in the residence portion of the city that the regular policemen may be brought to the downtown district. Patrol wagons and ambulance wagons will be kept stationed at short distances along the line of march to carry the wicked or wounded as may be found necessary.

Dispatches were sent last night to each of the U. S. Ambassadors and Ministers in countries interested in China calling attention to the instructions sent yesterday afternoon to Minister Conger. The diplomatic representatives of this country are not expected to lay the matter before the various foreign officers but are notified merely for their own information. According to the State Department, the outlook is somewhat more cheerful although they admit that they gain this impression mostly from press dispatches. Nothing has been heard from Mr. Conger today and they are in ignorance as to the report the Chinese have unqualifiedly submitted to the demands.

Among the nominations to the Senate by the President today was the following: To be Major General in the army of the United States, Brigadier General Wm. B. Shafter, U. S. A., retired. Orders were sent last night by the Navy Department for the attendance at the inauguration of four training ships now in southern waters. They are the Hartford, the Toledo, the Lancaster and the Dixie.

Delegates of Hawaii, opposes the nomination of George D. Gear to be a judge in Hawaii. Gear is the man who made the charges involving Wilcox's right to a seat in Congress. "The nomination will be resented by my people," said Wilcox today. "The President has been imposed upon. Gear has no qualifications for a judge and has no standing as a lawyer. The Senate committee on the judiciary I think will hear enough from Hawaii to warrant the belief that they will not confirm the man."

The ruling of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, to the effect that foreign labels on American wines subject the sellers of such wines to a heavy fine, is very objectionable to some of the hotel and restaurant keepers and liquor dealers of this city. At the banquet of the Board of Trade of this city last night, Representative Hull, of Iowa, chairman of the House military committee, made a speech, in which he said he would never consent to an appropriation for a bridge across the Potomac, at Arlington, until Alexandria county and city were retroceded to the District of Columbia.

The Speaker of the House has promised Congressman Brownlow that the bill to sanction the action of the legislatures of Tennessee and Virginia in confirming the dividing line between those two States, that runs through the town of Bristol, shall have a chance. Most all of the members of the General Assembly of Virginia who have been here this week have said that so far as they can judge from what their immediate constituents tell them, Mr. Swanson will easily be the democratic candidate for Governor in their State. Mr. Swanson will address the Junior Order of American Mechanics at Newport's News on the night of the 23d.

Among the members of the Virginia legislature now here is Mr. Frank Hume, the delegate from Alexandria county. He thinks no member of that body should have been allowed to be eligible to the Convention, and that the Convention will provide the qualification of the voters to whom the new constitution will be submitted. The Commissioner of Immigration has received word from San Francisco to the effect that H. Mori, a Japanese, has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment for attempting to bribe an immigration inspector. H. Mori, one of the dupes employed at the San Francisco office, was the

man Mori tried to buy, his aim being to bring in a large number of Japanese women for immoral purposes and to pay \$25 a piece for the privilege of landing them. The women were to be sold to wealthy divorcees for sums ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 each, according to their personal appearance. At the meeting of the House banking and currency committee, Mr. Conger proposed an amendment to the lowering bill which provides for the removal of the tax on State banks, and allowing them to issue money on their own security, provided that be supplemented with thirty per cent of legal tender. It will be supported by all the democratic members of the committee, and it is reported, by three or four of the republican members.

Congressman Quarles succeeded in having the sundry civil bill amended in the House yesterday evening so as to provide for an appropriation of \$2,000 to improve the road from Stanton to the federal cemetery near that town. Mr. Quarles has received a request from one thousand people of his district to be a candidate for delegate to the constitutional convention. He will consider it before he replies.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

It has been discovered that rich trading companies in Luzon have been aiding Aguinaldo.

There is said to be a possibility of the President vetoing the river and harbor bill even should it pass Congress this session.

The marriage of General Pole-Carew to Lady Beatrice Butler took place in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London, yesterday.

Thomas O'Donnell, a member of the British House of Commons, yesterday started to address the house in the Irish language, but was forced to desist.

The whole crest of a mountain over a mile in circumference slipped into Loughborough inlet, 100 miles from Vancouver, a few days ago. The great slide was the result of an earthquake.

George W. Kehr, of Harrisburg, Pa., a senior at Princeton College, to whom the MacLean prize of \$100 was awarded in the junior oratorical contests last June, has confessed to the charge of plagiarism and has been dismissed from the university.

Testimony in New York before the committee on transportation of the Industrial Commission yesterday showed that the independent and affiliated coal operators do not much show in competition with companies affiliated with the coal-carrying roads.

It is semi-officially announced in Ireland that the King will carry out in the course of the spring the engagements he made when Prince of Wales for visiting Ireland. He will be entertained by three peers and will be officially received at Belfast, Dublin and Waterford.

## THE MARDI GRAS.

The event of yesterday in New Orleans was the glittering pageant of its Majesty Rex.

The Comus parade at night represented the grand opera, and by selecting such subjects as "Aida," "Samson and Delilah," "Parsifal," "Huguenots" and other famous creations of the music masters wide scope was afforded for illustration and costume.

Rex was introduced to his court in the banquet hall of the St. Charles Hotel. It was a simple function, his Majesty desiring not to have any display.

First the members of the royal host held an informal meeting, over which Albert Baldwin presided. The Earl Marshall reported that it was the general opinion of the organization that it had exceeded all other efforts in the preparation of a beautiful parade for Tuesday. Extra care has been given to the floats, and despite the lack of the effects of lights at night they would make a brilliant showing. He was also glad to report that the membership had increased so materially that the floats would be completed by members only. Substitutes being required.

The committee, of which George Soule, Duke of Education, was chairman, escorted the King into the hall and introduced him to the members of the Royal Host. The Duke said that the King intended to issue edicts requiring that all business should be done by the trusts, thus pleasing the trusts, and that all dividends from such business should be given to the people, thus pleasing the people. The King would also issue an edict compelling bachelors to marry.

The King made an appropriate response, but decided that he would issue the edicts credited to him.

## CHINESE TROUBLES.

A dispatch from Peking says: The ministers were approached yesterday by attaches of the Chinese Peace Commission, who inquired if the compulsory suicide of Chao Shu Chao and Ying Lien, whose heads are demanded by the foreign representatives. They added that if the ministers agreed to this an edict would probably be issued in a day or so complying fully with the demands regarding the punishment of the guilty officials.

It is understood that all the ministers said that the suicides of Chao Shu Chao and Ying Lien would be satisfactory, if the other punishments were inflicted. It is not known whether the Chinese Commissioners are acting of their own volition or in response to an order from the court, but it is probable that their action in this matter is based on instructions received from the Dowager Empress.

Chao Shu Chao and Ying Lien are the only officials whose punishment is causing trouble. Of course, if an edict is issued complying with the demands for punishment, the plan for a military expedition will be abandoned.

## MR. RYAN SELLS OUT.

As stated in yesterday's Gazette, Thomas F. Ryan has sold to John Skelton Williams, president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, all of his stockholdings in the railroad incorporated into the new Seaboard system. This sale was made in pursuance of an arbitration before Daniel E. Lamont, and the transfer of stocks was made in New York yesterday. Thus ends the three years' litigation which followed the protest of Mr. Ryan, as a minority stockholder, against the consolidation scheme of President Williams and his associates. Mr. Ryan owned 2,858 shares of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad. The amount of money paid to him is not stated, but it is generally believed that he received about \$400 a share for his stock. His big profit, which is variously estimated at from \$500,000 to \$750,000.

John D. Rockefeller, who last year gave Brown University \$250,000, has offered to increase the amount to \$500,000 if the university authorities will increase the endowment from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. Charles M. Walsh, sr., one of Petersburg's best known citizens, dropped dead last night at his home in that city.

Three negro boys, aged from 10 to 14 years, attempted to burn the Rockbridge county jail at an early hour yesterday morning in order to escape.

R. H. Boshers' Sons' carriage factory, and the building of the A. L. Shepherd Lumber Company, adjoining, in Richmond, were yesterday damaged to the extent of \$5,000, fully insured.

The hospital at the University of Virginia, which is nearly completed, is attracting much attention for the excellence of its plan and construction. A gift of \$400 has just been received from an unknown donor.

A school building belonging to Leesburg school district and situated about midway between Lucket and Point of Rocks was destroyed by fire on Sunday night. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

Mrs. Mary Everhart, a native of Winchester and wife of Mr. William Everhart, died Monday night in Berryville, after a long illness. She was a daughter of the late George B. Dieffenbacher and was born 74 years ago.

A shaft has been sunk on the farm of Mr. Catow, near Mount, in Stafford, and rich veins of gold have been found, also pyrites. It is said that the place has been bought by New York parties at \$15,000, and that work will commence on it early this spring.

In Westmoreland county still lives a former slave of the Spillimill family, who has reached the age of 107 years. He is living with Hon. W. L. Spillimill, near Oak Grove, and still performs his duties as a family servant. His mind is still clear and his sight good.

Mrs. Susan Virginia Cauffman, wife of Mr. E. G. Cauffman, member of the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun, died suddenly on Monday afternoon at the residence of Dr. Miller, in Washington, where she had been spending the winter. Mrs. Cauffman was about 69 years of age.

Thomas McCabe, a veteran of the Civil War, now in his eightieth year, hovering between life and death in the Soldiers' Home Hospital, at Hampton, is accused of bigamy by two wives, and it is said that there is a third somewhere in the country who can make a similar accusation.

Col. S. M. Newhouse, member of the House of Delegates from Culpeper, has formally announced his candidacy for superintendent of the postoffice. Maj. Helms will be a candidate for reelection. Capt. A. W. Finch, who was discharged by Maj. Helms from the position of superintendent of the State farm, will be a candidate.

A letter from Richmond says: The indications are that the constitutional convention, which meets here in June, will be composed largely of officeholders. This class, from county attorney to members of the Supreme Court of Appeals, will be greatly in evidence. There will be a Senator—maybe two, though hardly but one—possibly the Governor and several justices of the supreme bench and a number of county and circuit judges. The small number of officials are apt to have a very considerable contingent.

AN INDIAN MOUND.—At "Osborne," near the banks of the Chickahominy river, once the residence of Colonel Lacey, now owned by L. F. Barnes and in charge of Assistant Chief A. J. Brady, of the Chickahominy tribe of Indians, there has been recently discovered an "Indian mound."

The assistant chief of Chickahominy Tribe not being familiar with the customs of ancient Indians, sent for the Chief of the Pamunkey Tribe who, on investigation, found it to be an "Indian mound" of ancient origin.

The mound was found under the corner of Brady's house on the banks of the Chickahominy river. In the mound was found a large quantity of skeleton bones, such as skulls, legs, arms, etc.

A council of both tribes of the Indians was held February 14, 1901, at the home of Assistant Chief Brady of Chickahominy Tribe, as to what disposition was to be made of the remains of their ancient ancestors.

It was decided by the council that on a certain day, which is to be set later, the bones be reinterred and buried in a prominent place and a monument erected over the graves.

Meantime further investigation will be made to find out how long and how this mound was placed there. There is a good deal of speculation among the Indians in regard to the mound of their ancestors.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—The thirty-third annual convention of the Virginia Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was called to order last night in the new Pythian Castle at Hampton by Grand Chancellor E. L. Cunningham. There was a good attendance. Keoughtan Lodge, of Hampton, spared no expense to entertain the visitors, and it was provided for the largest host of Pythians ever accommodated at a Virginia grand lodge convention. The Grand Lodge degree was conferred at night upon a number of delegates, and the evening session was devoted to reading of reports. The first business session was held today. The election of officers took place this evening. Tonight Pythian Castle, recently completed at a cost of \$15,000, will be dedicated, and an interesting programme has been arranged for the occasion. Supreme Chancellor Ogden H. Feathers, of Michigan, is in attendance.

CONGRESSIONAL.—After a lengthy debate, the Senate yesterday rejected the report of the conference on the provision of the army reorganization bill excluding West Point cadets convicted of hazing from holding commissions in the army. Another committee was appointed.

An effort was made in the Senate to obtain consideration for the bill reviving the grade of vice admiral in the navy for the benefit of Rear Admirals Sampson and Schley, but it was unavailing. The House devoted yesterday to debate on the sundry civil appropriation bill. The questions of national irrigation of arid lands in the West and of buying more ground for the Government Hospital for the Insane came up incidentally. The latter item was stricken out.

It troubled with a weak digestion belching, sour stomach, or if you feel dull and listless, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Richard Gibson's drug store.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News.  
London, Feb. 20.—A dispatch from Paris says that France, probably under pressure from Russia, has refused to join the expedition into the interior of China which is planned by Count Waldersee. Parliamentarians believe that the German field marshal will achieve by his proposal of fresh offensive operations the opposite effect from that intended.

Glasgow, Feb. 20.—The Admiralty office is sounding Clyde shipbuilders on the proposition to construct five submarine vessels similar to those which have recently had successful trials in the United States.

Madrid, Feb. 20.—Three papers today, published inspired articles saying that there is danger of England seizing the province of Andalusia, in the south of Spain, in order to strengthen Gibraltar. The papers urged the Spaniards to cease quarrelling among themselves and unite against England.

Vienna, Feb. 20.—The Reichstag was again the scene of riot and disorder today. The Czechs stormed the President's tribune and assailed him with missiles. The Czechs leader, Klotse, engaged in a fight with the constitutionalist baron, Wassilko, and there were several other encounters on the floor. The sitting was adjourned.

Rome, Feb. 20.—Today is the 23d anniversary of the election of Pope Leo to the Pontificate. The members of the college of Cardinals and the foreign ambassadors offered their congratulations to the Pope in private. There will be an official reception and a Te Deum on March 3, the anniversary of the Pope's coronation.

## Suicide.

New York, Feb. 20.—Albert F. Powell, 39 years of age, committed suicide by hanging gas to his home in Brooklyn, at an early hour this morning. Powell was a cashier for the Clyde steamship line at Pier No. 45, North River, and was under the impression that he was suspected of misappropriating funds. He worried considerably over the matter but contended that he had never taken a penny from the firm except that which was due him for compensation. He returned home last night under the influence of liquor and his wife upbraided him. He then informed her of the allegations against him and told her he suspected one of his subordinates of the misappropriation. Nevertheless, he feared he would be held responsible for all deficiencies. The wife and himself talked the matter over until 1 o'clock, when he retired. An hour later he appeared in the room occupied by his wife and his three-year-old child and tucked the blankets about them. He afterwards returned to his own room where he turned on two gas jets. At 7 o'clock this morning Mrs. Powell detected the smell of gas and upon entering his room found him dead on the bed. Mrs. Powell does not know where her husband's relatives reside.

Mrs. Nation in Durance Vile.  
Topeka, Kas. Feb. 20.—Lawyers here declare that Mrs. Nation will be released from jail on habeas corpus within a week. Mrs. Nation was told that a few of her friends were talking about making a raid on the jail to release her and her friends. She sent this message to them: "If you want to break up something break up a few joints but don't try to break the jail. These words prevented any further threats of violence against the county authorities.

Toledo, Feb. 20.—A telegram was sent Mrs. Nation from here yesterday at the instance of the W. C. T. U. asking if it was true that she was coming to Toledo on a smashing tour. She sent the following laconic reply: "I am in jail indefinitely."

From South Africa.  
Capetown, Feb. 20.—Ten members of the Sharpshooters corps held a pass near Outshoorn, in the southern part of the colony, yesterday against a force of 350 Boers. The latter imagined that they were opposed by a superior force and retired.

Pretoria, Feb. 20.—A second attempt to wreck the train on which Lord Kitchener was travelling, has been made at Klip river. The train which preceded the commander-in-chief and which contained his baggage was blown by a mine placed between the rails.

Capetown, Feb. 20.—It is rumored here that ex-President Stein has been captured.

Serious Trouble Expected.  
Winfield, Kas. Feb. 20.—In view of the fact that many armed men arrived last night from neighboring towns and the fact that all saloon men are defiant and refuse to leave, it is believed that a battle will follow today when the law and order league commences its trip over town to rid the place of saloon fixtures. So alarming has become the situation that Mayor Albright issued a proclamation ordering all good citizens to go armed and use their best influence to prevent bloodshed. No less than 1,000 temperance people have armed themselves to run out the saloon men and smash their fixtures.

Turning to Bone.  
Frankfort, Ind. Feb. 20.—Mrs. Ira Black, wife of one of Frankfort's best known real estate men, is suffering from ossification and Addison's disease, which, in addition to the ossifying Mrs. Black has been suffering with the disease two years but its nature was kept secret till yesterday. She has assumed the bronze color and her muscles and joints have stiffened until she is rigid and helpless. Her jaws are becoming set and she is fed with difficulty.

A Big Sewing Trust.  
Chicago, Feb. 20.—An Irish capital to the amount of \$12,000,000 is on the way to the United States to form a big consolidation of the sewing interests of this country. The object of the syndicate as expressed by producers is to minimize expenses and place the silk thread business on a more paying basis. The money that will bring about this consolidation is to be furnished by the Coates Thread Company.

The Cuban Constitution.  
Havana, Feb. 20.—It is learned that the constitutional convention in secret session decided to accept the conditions of independence imposed by the United States. The convention has not yet made this decision public.

The Markets.  
Georgetown, Feb. 20.—Wheat 70 3/4.

The naval collier Caesar, overdue, from Bermuda, arrived at the Norfolk navy yard last night for extensive repairs.

Reports show a greatly increased death rate from throat and lung troubles, due to the prevalence of cold, pneumonia and grip. We advise the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in all of these difficulties. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Children like it.

## FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, February 20.

SENATE.  
Consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill was taken up this morning.

The pending question on the postoffice appropriation bill was in reference to railway mail service. Mr. Butler argued in favor of governmental purchase of postal cars.

When Mr. Butler completed his remarks on the railway mail service section of the postoffice appropriation bill, Mr. Pettigrew treated the subject under discussion in a similar vein.

The question was demanded upon Mr. Bacon's amendment providing that the appropriation for railway mail transportation be reduced \$2,700,000, that the postmaster general be instructed to reduce the rate of pay to railroads for carrying mails five per cent. annually. The amendment was rejected, the ayes being 18 and the nays, 51. Mr. Allen voted in the negative, while Mr. Chandler voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Jones introduced a resolution directing the Secretary of the Interior to furnish information relative to the charges that the treasurer of the Osage Indian fund had been deposited and that his duties had been improperly transferred to a banking firm of white men.

The resolution went over. Mr. Lodge from the committee on foreign relations adversely reported a resolution introduced by Mr. Morgan providing that the ratification of the Hay-Panama treaty be not made a condition precedent to legislation by Congress on the Nicaraguan canal, being the text of a protocol between the government of the United States and Porto Rico, and also maintaining that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty gives Great Britain no rights to demand that the United States shall withhold its ratification from legislation to provide for their prompt execution. Mr. Lodge announced that a minority report would be submitted later by Mr. Morgan. The adverse report determines absolutely that no canal legislation will be attempted this session.

HOUSE.  
Consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill was resumed today.

On an amendment providing for the establishment of a fish hatchery at Tupelo, Miss., Representative Allen took occasion to deliver a humorous speech with the town of Tupelo for his text. Mr. Allen began with Columbus, whose first idea, he said, was to discover Tupelo. Ponce de Leon and De Soto had the same ambition. President Lincoln's only idea in objecting to the secession of the Southern States was to save Tupelo. He invited the House to visit him in Tupelo and concluded by warning members that if they dared vote against his amendment they would go down to posterity branded as Judases. Mr. Allen's speech created much amusement and at its conclusion every member present voted aye, amid applause and laughter.

An hour was set apart to discuss the advisability of removing the desks and remodeling the hall of the House.

The amendment to take the desks of members from the hall of the House was defeated by a vote of 45 to 161.

The sundry civil appropriation bill was passed.

The general deficiency appropriation bill was at once taken up, the House agreeing to have no general debate on the measure.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.  
The Leather trust today announced an advance of one cent a pound on sole leather.

The case of Sam'l Kennedy, charged with the murder of Dolly Reynolds, will probably go to the jury in New York this afternoon.

The jury in the Hamilton-Dyer murder case at Minneapolis, Minn., returned a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree at 9:50 this morning. The jury recommended mercy. Under the finding the prisoner can be sentenced to imprisonment for a term ranging from 5 to 20 years. Hamilton's attorney filed a motion for a new trial immediately after the verdict was read. Hamilton broke down completely after the verdict was announced.

The town of Springfield, W. Va., is threatened with destruction. Fire originated from an unknown cause, in a drug store, spread rapidly in all directions. A man named Gooden, who owned a room above the drug store, was burned to death. The town is composed entirely of frame buildings of the regulation oil town type and burned like tinder. The loss is placed at \$100,000.

The doghouse is now under full headway at Madison Square Garden, New York, and this morning the garden was filled with a mingled chorus of barks, yelps and howls. The interest in the show is keen, and society and canine lovers are turning out in force.

The farm house of Robert Gray, near Hixsonville, Pa., was destroyed by fire early this morning. Gray carried his wife and two days old babe two miles through the snow to the nearest neighbor. Both may die from exposure.

Dora Dazell, 19 years old, while kneeling at her father's grave in Elmwood cemetery, Kansas City, yesterday, was assaulted by a negro. The negro escaped.

Philip J. O'Connell, democrat, was yesterday elected Mayor of Worcester, Mass., defeating William A. Lytle, republican, by a majority of 511.

The glove factory of Levi Straus & Co. at Gloversville, N. Y., was burned last night. Loss \$40,000. The factory employed 200 hands.

STATE DINNER.—The President gave a state dinner last night in honor of the judiciary, there being invited to meet them other distinguished guests. The white and gold dining room was tropical with palms. Garlands of amilax swung from the ceiling, and were caught in graceful loops at the base of the chandeliers. The mirror rests were set with the mandarin of scarlet hysciuths, and the mantels were banded with roses, tulips and fern. The candles in the massive candelabra burned under red shades, and the floral decorations were meter roses in tall crystal vases alternating with plaques of English primroses, lilies of the valley and fern. The President escorted Mrs. Fuller in to dinner, and Mrs. McKinley was attended by the Chief Justice.

PATENTS.—Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report this week of the following United States patents to residents of this State: 688,565, composition for rendering cardboard, &c., impervious to grease. Norman V. Randolph, Richmond, assignor to the Randolph Paper Box Company, same place.

34,107, land roller. Robert W. Whitehurst, Norfolk, assignor to the R. W. Whitehurst Company, same place.

Cut this out and take it to Richard Gibson's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They also cure disorders of the stomach, biliousness and headache.

## MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

New York, Feb. 20.—Stocks opened active and generally lower. The declines in the railway list were in most instances less than a point.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN ALEXANDRIA	
Flour Extra.....	2 75 s 3 15
Family.....	3 50 s 3 90
Fancy brand.....	4 00 s 4 40
Wheat, longberry.....	0